
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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McCARTER AND GAINNEY, JANUARY 14, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 1 through 8, 2020, as "Gun
2 Violence Survivors Week" in Pennsylvania and recognizing Moms
3 Demand Action and other gun violence prevention organizations
4 for their efforts in addressing gun violence and pursuit of
5 building safer communities for the citizens of this
6 Commonwealth and country.

7 WHEREAS, Every year, more than 36,000 Americans are killed as
8 a result of gun violence and 73,000 more are shot and wounded;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, More than 1,600 Pennsylvanians are killed and many
11 more injured as a result of gun violence each year; and

12 WHEREAS, A gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally
13 experienced gun violence, whether as a witness of an act of gun
14 violence, someone who was threatened or wounded with a gun or as
15 a family member or friend of someone who was wounded or killed
16 as a result of gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, Forms of gun violence can include, but are not
18 limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence
19 involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, mass shootings

1 and unintentional shootings; and

2 WHEREAS, Fifty eight percent of American adults or someone
3 they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime,
4 demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in all
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to the devastating human cost, every
7 year gun violence costs the American economy \$229 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, The week of February 1 through February 8, 2020, is
9 a symbolic choice for "Gun Violence Survivors Week" because it
10 represents the time by early February when more Americans are
11 killed with guns than are killed in other high-income countries
12 in an entire year; and

13 WHEREAS, Moms Demand Action started as a community of moms
14 and dads working together to address gun violence in response to
15 the Sandy Hook tragedy that occurred in Connecticut on December
16 14, 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Moms Demand Action is a national network of
18 parents, families, students and concerned citizens dedicated to
19 keeping families safe, encouraging responsible gun ownership and
20 advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation; and

21 WHEREAS, Moms Demand Action, along with Mayors Against
22 Illegal Guns, Students Demand Action and the Everytown Survivor
23 Network, is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun
24 violence prevention organization in the country, with nearly 6
25 million supporters and 350,000 donors; and

26 WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety is joined by several other
27 national nonprofit organizations, including the Brady Campaign
28 and Giffords Law Center, in the pursuit to end gun violence in
29 America; and

30 WHEREAS, By recognizing "Gun Violence Survivors Week" the

1 Commonwealth joins communities across America to raise awareness
2 about gun violence and honor the lives lost; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 week of February 1 through 8, 2020, as "Gun Violence Survivors
5 Week" in Pennsylvania and recognizing Moms Demand Action and
6 other gun violence prevention organizations for their efforts in
7 addressing gun violence and pursuit of building safer
8 communities for the citizens of this Commonwealth and country;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives fully acknowledge
11 the impact of gun violence on communities throughout this
12 Commonwealth and the United States; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 strength and perseverance of survivors of gun violence.